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Attempted to Pillage Market at Port au Prince—Serious Disorders Are Anticipated.

(Associated Press.)

Port au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 2.—The most serious disorders are anticipated here. The population is very much excited by the continued rise in the prices of all merchandise, and a band of soldiers to-day made an attempt to pillage the central market and the shops in that vicinity. Other troops and police immediately intervened and re-established order. All the stores in Port au Prince, however, are now closed.

DUCHESSE INJURED.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 2.—Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, was thrown from a horse yesterday evening in Blenheim park and considerably bruised and shaken. She was taken to the palace in a motor car and probably will be confined to the house for a week.

At a public reception at Port au Prince, Hayti, President Nord accused the foreign population of raising the rate of exchange in order to oppose the government. He added some threatening words which have alarmed the foreign colony. The rate of exchange is 600 per cent.

RUSSIANS RETREAT BEFORE JAPANESE

Will Probably Be Unable to Offer Any Resistance at Haicheng—Cruise of Vladivostok Squadron.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—1.52 p.m.—The feeling at the war office here was distinctly gloomy this morning. No official telegrams had been received by the general staff from General Kourapatkin, who was communicating direct with the Emperor, but from private sources at the front it already was apparent that Simoungcheng (15 miles southeast of Haicheng, at the junction of Feng Huang Cheng-Suiyen roads) had been lost, Gen. Stakelberg's outposts having fallen to the Japanese.

No word was received enabling the staff to either confirm or deny the reported capture of the late Gen. Count Keller's position at Ikhuven (east of Liao Yang) and Yangse Pass (20 miles east of Liao Yang), but heavy fighting continues on both the southern and eastern fronts, the object of the Japanese in the east being to flank Gen. Keller's corps from the south and north, which is easily possible. The progress of the enveloping movement may have forced the corps to retire to Liao Dan Sian, which is the next position in the direction of Liao Yang.

Official dispatches detailing the engagement are hardly expected till the evening. The failure of the garrison of Simoungcheng to retreat along the northern road probably was due to the presence of a Japanese column flanking the late Gen. Keller's corps from the south. In view of the inability of the Russians to hold Simoungcheng, it is considered unlikely that General Zaroubiaeff and Stakelberg will attempt to offer stubborn resistance at Haicheng. It is possible that they are already retiring on Anshanshan (also, written Anshanchan), half way between Haicheng and Liao Yang, as indicated in these dispatches last night.

There is reason to believe that Gen. Oku's divisions are advancing from Newchwang with a view of flanking and cutting off Gen. Stakelberg's retreat, but this movement is not likely to succeed on account of Stakelberg's ability to retire northward on Anshanshan.

An interesting detail evidencing the fierceness of the artillery duel south of Haicheng on July 31st, is the fact that the Russian batteries on the left of the flank fired 4,842 shots in four hours.

Later, Gen. Kourapatkin reports that the Japanese have occupied Ikhuven (east of Liao Yang) and the Yangse Pass (30 miles east of Liao Yang).

It is officially announced that the Russians have fallen back from Yangse Pass, but were holding their positions on the Siamtsze road and at Haicheng yesterday.

JAP ASSAULTS WERE REPULSED ON SUNDAY

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—All the newspapers were late in publishing this morning, the editions evidently having been held back in hope of receipt of later advices from the front.

The only special dispatch published was one appearing in the Official Messenger under date of Haicheng, August 1st, referring to events of the previous day. According to this dispatch numerous assaults were made upon the positions of Lt.-Gen. Count Keller and Lt.-Gen. Zassulutch, all of which were repulsed.

The Japanese on July 29th, the dispatch says, fired upon a supply train running south of Haicheng and a car was wrecked but no one was killed.

DECISIVE MOMENT OF CAMPAIGN ARRIVES.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—All the military critics this morning take the view that the decisive moment of the campaign has arrived.

The army organ says that Gen. Kuroki prepared for his advance by drawing his forces which were scattered over a front of forty miles. The paper says it is evident that a large Japanese force is working along the Siamtsze-Liao Yang line. It expresses doubt, however, which advance the enemy will push home, and whether it is Kuroki's intention to try to flank Kourapatkin north or south of Liao Yang.

The Russ says: "The decisive moment has arrived, but judging from the latest reports the Russians have retained their positions, and this time it will not be an order to retreat."

RUSSIAN RETREAT AN UNORGANIZED ROUT.

Tokio, Aug. 1.—Another detailed report of the fighting at Taicheng has been received from Gen. Oku, in which he emphasizes the enormous advantage which the entrenched position held by the Russians gave them. Their first and second lines of defence were established along the twin chains of hills and commanded every foot of the roads leading from the south. Moreover, their batteries were so well masked that they could not be reached by the Japanese siege

guns, while at the same time they fully commanded all of the territory which the Japanese were compelled to vacate in their attack upon the Russian position. So powerful was their position and so difficult of approach that although Gen. Oku made his plans carefully and was fully confident that his losses would be enormous, he found it absolutely impossible to force the enemy's defence at a single point during daylight.

Bravery such as was displayed by the Japanese was of a character seldom seen, and one column actually penetrated up to the muzzles of the Russian cannon before being compelled to retreat in the face of a counter attack by a vastly superior force. After this experience Gen. Oku decided that his only hope lay in a night attack, and he made his plans accordingly.

About 10 o'clock, when darkness had fully set in, a general assault was ordered, and although a complete surprise to the Russian position, it was repulsed. The entire Japanese army moved on the Russian position. Not a shot was fired until the first picket of the Russians was encountered, but at the first alarm the Russian position at the range which had been secured during the day, and for more than an hour a terrific fire was kept up.

Word was then passed for the left wing of the Japanese army to advance, and at the same time the "cease firing" order was given to the artillery.

The Japanese found the Russians badly confused at the heavy shells, and drove them from the first and then from the second line of rifle pits. Before the Russian commanders could reassemble and steady their commands the Japanese right wing charged and drove them out of their last line of defence.

The Russian retreat was an unorganized rout, men and officers abandoning their guns and arms in order to be able to be the first to get the news to Alexieff at Mukden, many miles to the northward.

Officers who were captured declare that Gen. Kourapatkin commanded in person, and that he did all in his power to hold his men, but they were too badly demoralized by the accurate Japanese shell fire to obey any orders.

All accounts agree that the Russian losses exceeded 2,000 in killed and wounded.

The Japanese had 140 killed, including ten officers and 925 wounded, including forty-seven officers.

Gen. Oku is universally commended for his night attack, and while his losses are abnormally large, yet it is argued by army experts that the end justified the means.

RELEASE OF BRITISH STEAMER MALACCA.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Official Messenger publishes the notice of the release of the steamer Malacca, which was seized in the Red Sea by the Russian volunteer steamer St. Petersburg, and reviews the case. The article concludes thus: "The arrangement for her inspection and release is now taken in abrogation of Russia's right, which she still maintains, and her cruisers and warships still stop vessels and search them for contraband destined for the enemy."

The text of the Russian government's statement regarding the release of the British steamer Malacca, seized in the Red Sea by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer St. Petersburg, is as follows:

"From the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war the Imperial government took measures to prevent the transport of contraband of war to Japan by vessels of neutral countries.

In the regulations sanctioned by the Emperor on February 14th, 1904, which Russia proposed to follow during the war, a list was given of the articles regarded by us as contraband. It was also declared that the military and the maritime authorities would reserve to themselves the right of rigidly executing the decisions contained in the regulations for naval prizes sanctioned by the Emperor on March 27th, 1895, and in the instructions confirmed by the council of the admiralty on September 20th, 1900, regarding the procedure for stopping, visiting and seizing, as well as for carrying off and delivery over of vessels and cargoes seized.

"The volunteer fleet vessels, St. Petersburg and Smolensk, having received a special commission, the term of which has now expired, on proceeding to their destinations acted in accordance with the above decision, and while passing through the Red Sea stopped and visited all suspected vessels encountered in these waters.

"It was under these conditions that the commander of the St. Petersburg stopped among others the British steamer Malacca, the captain of which refused to show his ship's papers relating to the cargo, a refusal which led to the seizure of the vessel and the decision to send her to Liban with the view of throwing light on the matter. Nevertheless, in view of the official statement of the British government that the Malacca was carrying British state cargo, the Imperial gov-

ernment, acting in agreement with the British government, decided that a fresh visit should be paid to the seized vessel at the nearest port on its route in the presence of the British consul. This visit occurred at Algiers. The British consul-general officially certified that the Malacca's cargo contained the property of the British government, and that the rest of her cargo was not contraband of war.

"Taking this attestation into consideration, the Imperial government decided to liberate the cargo and vessel.

"This decision must not, however, be interpreted as a renunciation by the Imperial government of its intention to dispatch cruisers and warships in general to prevent the carrying of contraband for the enemy."

VLADIVOSTOK SHIPS RETURN TO PORT

Vladivostok, Aug. 2.—The Vladivostok cruiser division returned to port at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The cruisers were in perfect condition.

They captured during their cruise the steamer Arabia and destroyed some schooners, a small Japanese steamer, one German steamer and one British steamer. The last mentioned two were carrying contraband and had nearly reached their destination, Yokohama, but were almost without coal and it was therefore impossible to send them to Vladivostok.

The cruisers steamed up and down in front of the Japanese capital and saw nothing of the enemy's warships. Although the Russian vessels had only three doors through which to get home, the Straits of Korea, La Perouse strait and Tsushima strait, which apparently could easily have been barred by Vice-Admiral Kamimura's vessels, had luck pursued the Japanese admiral, and the Russian cruisers had no difficulty in eluding him.

WHY RUSSIANS SANK THE KNIGHT COMMANDER

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Associated Press dispatch from Vladivostok brought the first statement of the reason for the sinking of the steamer Knight Commander, which was that she was so short of coal she could not be sent to Vladivostok. It also contained the first announcement that a German steamer had been sunk for the same reason, but gave no clue to the identity of the latter vessel.

NO NEWS REGARDING GERMAN STEAMER.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The officials of the German embassy here have no information concerning the report from Vladivostok that a German ship was sunk by the Vladivostok squadron.

The correspondent of the Associated Press bears that the steamer Prinz Heinrich's incident is considered closed. The volunteer fleet steamer, having on board the two sacks of retained mail of the Prinz Heinrich, has been instructed to put them ashore at the first port for forwarding to their destination. The only question remaining is that of damage, which it is said will be settled amicably and without difficulty.

STEAMER ARABIA IS HELD BY RUSSIANS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—4.25 p.m.—Mr. McCormick, the American ambassador, arrived here to-day from Carlisle. The United States government has been informed that no decision has been reached relative to the release of the Portland and Asiatic line steamer Arabia, captured by the armored cruiser Gromoboi, of the Vladivostok squadron. The admiralty has not yet received official confirmation of the sinking of a German steamer by the Vladivostok squadron and its name has not been revealed.

Up to this hour the general staff has not received an official report of the fighting east of Liao Yang.

SAY THE RUSSIANS MUTILATE JAPANESE.

Tokio, July 30.—Delayed in transmission.—A Japanese field burial party, which is working before Port Arthur, and a Japanese who was made prisoner by the Russians and escaped, charge the Russians with robbing Japanese wounded and with mutilating Japanese dead. The assertion that the bodies of wounded and dead soldiers are stripped of their watches and valuables and that the dead have been beheaded and bayoneted and their eyes have been gouged out.

RUSSIAN SHIPS MAY COAL AT CHERBOURG.

Cherbourg, France, Aug. 2.—A trustworthy report is circulated here that six Russian warships are expected to coal at this port shortly.

FRENCH OPTIMISTIC REGARDING FORTRESS.

Paris, Aug. 2.—It is believed in well-informed quarters here that the position of Port Arthur is much less critical than generally supposed, the Japanese efforts being directed towards strengthening their positions round Port Dainy rather than to advance to the attack. As a matter of fact it is said that advances have not made serious progress during the past three weeks.

THE ENGAGEMENT OF JAP MOSQUITO FLEET.

Tokio, July 31.—A belated report from Admiral Togo relating an engagement of the mosquito fleets off Port Arthur last Sunday was made public here to-day.

A Japanese flotilla composed of torpedo boats, gunboats and the vidette boats attached to the battleships Mikasa and Fuji attacked Russian torpedo boat destroyers off Shensen point at 3 o'clock

in the morning. Three fish torpedoes fired by the Japanese were seen to explode, but the Japanese could not tell with what result because of the fog.

This report from Admiral Togo tends to confirm the reports received from Chinese quarters that three Russian torpedo boat destroyers were sunk last Sunday. The Japanese suffered no loss in the engagement in question.

STOESSEL'S REPLY TO DEMAND FOR SURRENDER.

Tokio, Aug. 1.—A few days ago the Japanese made a formal demand upon General Stoessel to surrender Port Arthur, and he replied in a bombastic proclamation which would have been worthy of Admiral Alexieff himself. In it he declared that he knew that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff, together with siege trains and guns destined for service at Port Arthur, were sent to the bottom in the transport Hichi Maru, sunk by the Vladivostok squadron.

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE GEN. COUNT KELLER.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Russian press to-day is filled with the eulogies of late Lieut.-General Keller, who was considered to be one of the dashing commanders in the Russian army.

SALMON TRAPS IN B. C. WATERS

THE SUBJECT AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

A. Morrison Wants Clause for Their Adoption Struck Out of Minister's Bill.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—In the House to-day A. Morrison moved that the clause for the adoption of fish net traps be struck out of Hon. R. Prefontaine's bill. He said that the fishermen of British Columbia opposed the use of traps. He accused the commissioner of fisheries of bungling everything he touched in British Columbia. It was the commissioner that advised the use of traps, and in Mr. Morrison's opinion he did so wrongly. On the advice of this official the government took a wrong, erroneous and serious step. Traps were adopted at the instance of some capitalists in Montreal and Toronto, men who never saw a British Columbia salmon trap and river industry. He moved that the clause be struck out as there was not sufficient evidence before the minister to have it adopted.

R. Smith, of Nanaimo, said that traps were in existence now in United States waters, and he thought Canadians should have the same right to use them as Americans. If the traps were going to exterminate the fish, he wanted Canadians to have a share, and not leave them all to Americans.

The Election Act.

The election act was discussed in the House this forenoon, and passed. It provides that the returning officer shall fix the date for voting in the counties of Gaspe and Chicoutimi and Saguenay in Quebec, and in Comox-Atlin, Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay in British Columbia.

Whale Fishing.

When Hon. R. Prefontaine took up his bill to regulate fishing for whales in Canadian waters he said that he had received 22 applications for whaling licenses from Quebec, 17 from Nova Scotia, 1 from New Brunswick and 11 from British Columbia. In reply to Mr. Hargrave, he said that there were no applications for whaling fishing in Hudson Bay. There was no question as to the control of Canada over Hudson Bay proper, but there was some correspondence over some portions with the Imperial government.

Prorogation.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden have just had a conference, and it was decided that prorogation will take place on Saturday or Monday.

MAY BE NEW MINISTER.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Emperor to-day received in audience Gen. Count Koutaissoff, military governor of Irkutsk, Siberia, which lends support to the rumor that Count Koutaissoff will succeed the late M. Von Plehve as minister of interior.

Gen. Koutaissoff is from the Trans-Caucasian district of Russia. He is about 45 years old and has served for several years in the military department of Siberia. He is a senator or member of the highest court of Russia, and about a year ago was appointed governor-general of Irkutsk and proved a very efficient officer, improving the sanitary conditions and controlling the unruly classes. He is a man of arbitrary methods.

JUMPED FROM ROOF.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 2.—After drinking carbolic acid in an attempt to end his life, and fearing that the poison would not do its work, a man believed to be Isidore Dutch jumped from the roof of a five story tenement house to-day and was killed.

SUPPLIES EITHER LOST OR STOLEN

WERE INTENDED FOR G. T. P. SURVEYORS

Party Will Be in Bad Flight if Goods Do Not Soon Reach Their Destination.

(Associated Press.)

Port William, Aug. 2.—Word has reached here that the supplies for the Grand-Trunk Pacific surveyors, who left Wabington for Trout Lake district last week, had been either lost or stolen. Unless the supplies are found the surveyors will be in a bad plight.

Action Deferred.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—The executive of the National Lacrosse Association last night deferred action in the matter of the suspension of the Capital lacrosse team for having played with the Tecumseh, professionals in the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

Excursionists Hurt.

St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 2.—A peculiar accident occurred to an excursion train in the Pere Marquette railway yards here yesterday. As the train was leaving with a party of London excursionists for Port Stanley gave way at the rear end, throwing the front end to the ceiling. About a dozen seats were lifted from their positions, throwing the occupants in all directions. Several people were hurt, one Miss Hamilton, of London, receiving a severe shock to her nervous system. Injuries to other passengers consisted of a few bruises and a severe shaking up.

Wheat Cutting.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Wheat cutting has commenced near Raymond, Southern Alberta.

Presentation.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—A purse containing \$500 in gold was given yesterday by the manufacturers to C. B. McNaught, superintendent of the exhibition department of the manufacturers at the Dominion fair. He was also tendered a banquet in the evening.

Deposits \$10,000.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Mr. Jeunissen has deposited \$10,000 with the Port William council as guarantee that he will spend \$50,000 immediately in development work at Kakabeka Falls, near Port Williams.

Runaway Accident.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Chancellor Burwash and Dr. John Burwash, of Victoria University, Toronto, with their wives and Miss Burwash, had a miraculous escape in a runaway accident this afternoon on a steep hill near P. Burns' ranch, Calgary. The party were driving a pair of bronchos in a Democrat when the team became unmanageable on the hill and carried the rig over a precipice. The ladies and Dr. John jumped and saved themselves. The chancellor went over with the vehicle and landed under the horses' heels. He was badly shaken up, and had nine stitches put in his hand. Dr. John had his shoulder dislocated in jumping.

Pioneer Dead.

Watford, Ont., Aug. 2.—David Calvert, a pioneer of Lambton county and father of W. S. Calvert, M. P., chief Liberal whip, died this morning from a paralytic stroke, aged 81 years.

Improving.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Dr. Hugh Johnston, the well known Methodist minister who underwent an operation in the hospital here some days ago, and whose condition was at the time considered critical, is improving, and the doctors now hope for recovery.

FOUR MINERS KILLED.

Suffocated By Gas Following a Blast in a Gold Mine.

(Associated Press.)

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 2.—A fatal mining accident took place this morning at Shakespeare gold mine, Webbwood, some hundred and twenty miles east of here, whereby the foreman, named J. McMillan, of the Soo, and four miners lost their lives. Full details are not yet at hand, but it is generally understood that after exploding holes in the lower level, the foreman did not allow enough time to elapse for the escape of gas following the blast, and that he and the miners were overcome by the same, and suffocated before their comrades at the top of the shaft were aware there was anything amiss. The names of the miners killed are Peter Reid, Tyle Current, John Walters and John Disher, Webbwood, and Peter Grant, Markstay.

RIVERS INLET PACK.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Aug. 2.—Steamer Tees arrived here to-day. Rivers Inlet pack is as follows: Wadhams and Brunswick, 24,500 each; Gpod Hope, 17,000; R. I. C., 16,500. This is nine or ten thousand better than last year altogether, and the canneries are still running.

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RUSSIAN FORCES ARE FALLING BACK

UNABLE TO WITHSTAND ATTACKS OF JAPANESE

Simoucheng Reported to Have Been Captured—Part of Kouroupatkin's Army Isolated.

London, Aug. 1.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio, says there is reason to believe that after two days' fighting the Japanese have occupied Simoucheng, thus cutting off General Kouroupatkin from General Kouroupatkin.

POSITIONS CARRIED BY THE JAPANESE

London, Aug. 2.—British correspondents with General Kuroki in the field, in brief dispatches dated July 31st, concur in the statement that the Japanese have carried positions, leaving only one defensible position between them and Liao Yang. The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent asserts that the fall of Port Arthur is imminent.

The correspondent of the London Times with Gen. Kuroki in the field, in a dispatch dated July 30th says: "This army began a general attack at daylight today which lasted until sunset. The Japanese centre took the town, capturing the enemy's northeastern positions. The left advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right. The Japanese right carried the position against superior numbers. There was tremendous artillery firing throughout the day and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's shrapnel. I believe that the Russian position will be untenable to-morrow."

It will be noted that the foregoing dispatch does not name the town captured by the Japanese. It may refer to Simoucheng, reports of the capture of which have been sent out from Tokio.

ANXIETY AT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—2:30 a. m.—The greatest anxiety prevails here for news of the general advance against the southern and eastern divisions of Gen. Kouroupatkin's army. The public believes that the decisive battle of the campaign is being fought. Keen military observations, however, declare that for several days the main body of the Russian army has been moving north towards Mukden, and that when the present line to the southeast is forced the Japanese will find that they have crushed only the shell. Should this prove to be so, General Kouroupatkin will doubtless be obliged to destroy the immense quantities of stores accumulated at Liao Yang.

Shrewd military critics, however, do not believe that Gen. Kouroupatkin can escape a general engagement. His army forms a wedge, and Kuroki is operating with driving movements of great force against the side. If one of the latter should break through, the southern force would be doomed.

The general staff seems amazed at the immense strength of these co-operating armies. The Japanese evidently have succeeded in concealing the real number of their men and guns, which the general staff now believes must be over 300,000 men with between 300 and 400 guns.

While Gen. Oku is holding the Russian army at Hancheng in check, Gen. Nodzu is evidently trying to work around the vital positions at Simoucheng. At the same time Gen. Kuroki is trying to flank the first Siberian army, which was commanded by the late Lieut. General Count Keller at Yanafu on the main Feng Huang Cheng road, which is also passing a strong column through direct towards Liao Yang on the Salimata road. There is a road leading north from Simoucheng, which strikes the Feng Huang Cheng-Liao Yang road west of Yanafu. If Simoucheng should be forced a rapid advance along this road would pocket the first Siberian army corps.

If the report from Tokio that Simou-

cheng has been actually forced is true, it leaves the Russian forces in an exceedingly serious position.

REPORTED THAT MAIN FORCE IS RETIRING

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—4:05 a. m.—A report from an apparently reliable source late to-night was to the effect that Gen. Kouroupatkin's main force had been rapidly moving north for several days.

According to the report no troops proceeded to the front from Russia. Had gone past Harbin Pass three days. They will be detained there and every available piece of rolling stock will be rushed south for the removing of troops at Liao Yang and other points, to the northward, leaving a skeleton force to contest the Japanese advance on these positions.

BEZOBRAZOFF ALLEGED TO BE IN COMMAND

Paris, Aug. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff entered Port Arthur two weeks ago on the torpedo boat destroyer Burkoff, which has since been sunk with all on board, except three persons. Admiral Bezobrazoff is now commanding the Russian Port Arthur squadron.

JAP CAPTAIN PREVENTED LOSS OF GUNBOAT

Tokio, Aug. 1.—Admiral Tsubo reports that while engaged recently in sweeping for Russian mines near Tungwangeto, a mine became fastened to the sweeping machine of a Japanese gunboat. This rendered the gunboat helpless and it drifted to Shimonoseki, where it was exposed to a heavy Russian cannonade. Captain Hirose, on board another gunboat, then went to the rescue of the vessel. He succeeded in getting her away, when he was suddenly attacked by a Russian torpedo boat destroyer. After a fight, which lasted one hour, Captain Hirose succeeded in extricating both gunboats.

The vessel under the command of Captain Hirose, was hit twice and three men on board of her were killed. Captain Hirose and ten men were wounded.

The funerals of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer which was sunk on Sunday, July 24th, are visible off Shimonoseki.

STRANGE PHENOMENON

British Steamer Was Surrounded by Phosphoric Cloud, Which Magnetized Everything.

Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—The British steamer Mohini, while attacking for the Delaware breakwater, has encountered a strange phenomenon. A cloud of phosphoric appearance enveloped the vessel, magnetizing everything on board.

Capt. Urquhart says the vessel and crew had a fiery coating. When the sailors saw it they rushed at the needle, and it was flying around like an electric fan.

"I ordered several of the crew to move iron chains that were lying on deck, thinking to distract their attention. The sailors could not budge the chains, although they did not weigh more than 75 pounds each. Everything was magnetized, and chains, bolts, spikes and bars were as light on the deck as if they had been riveted there.

"The cloud was so dense that it was impossible for the vessel to proceed. It appeared as if the whole world was a mass of glowing fire. The sailors fell on the decks and prayed.

"Suddenly the cloud began to lift. The phosphorescent glow of the ship and the crew began to fade. In a few minutes the cloud passed over, and we saw it moving off over the sea."

FIGHTING IN ARMENIA

Party of Soldiers Ambushed—Attack on Garrison Repulsed.

Constantinople, Aug. 1.—Official telegrams report that a band of Armenian revolutionists ambushed a party of soldiers near Mush. On the arrival of reinforcements the Armenians fled, setting fire to three villages on their way. Another band of Armenians, numbering 60, attacked the village of Mossun in the Vilayet of Erzerum, but was repulsed by the garrison, and attempted to escape to the Russian frontier. The escape of the band, however, was prevented by the frontier guards, only four of the Armenians getting away.

COMPLAINTS OF A LACK OF WATER

ALD. VINCENT MAKES A FRANK STATEMENT

Reports Coming in From All Over the City—Routine at Council Meeting.

Last evening's regular meeting of the city council, though brief, was not devoid of interesting features. Two aldermen had the courage of their convictions to state openly that there was a need for more water in this city. Ald. Vincent was no apologist. He declared that the people were complaining of the want of water all over the city, and Ald. Elford in the same connection said that he himself was short of water.

The subject was introduced by a petition read from some five or six residents of Toulmie avenue and Oak street, living within a few blocks of the Douglas street main, who have for years been denied the use of city water unless bearing all the expenses of installation. It has been figured out by the water works officials in the city hall that the cost of laying a pipe up Toulmie avenue between Douglas and Fourth streets, would cost \$2,000, which would have to be borne by the residents because they lived outside the city limits. The present petition is from the residents nearest the pipe, and several of the aldermen seem favorably disposed to granting the privilege. Others and His Worship the Mayor are opposed to allowing outsiders a service. Ald. Vincent, however, said that this water question was something which the sooner dealt with the better. Ald. Grahame asked the city solicitor if the council had the legal right to absolutely deny residents in the district a water service. The latter said from memory he thought the city had a right to refuse. He will give his opinion at a subsequent meeting.

A vote was finally taken on how the petition should be dealt with, and it was decided to refer the matter to the city water commissioner with a favorable recommendation.

Another interesting detail of last evening's proceedings was that arising out of the report of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, which recommended the construction of a six-foot sidewalk on the east side of the James Bay causeway. When the item was read in open council Ald. Kinsman, Elford, Stewart and Beckwith opposed it as it would be a waste of public money. When the C. P. K. Company started to build its hotel they said that part of the street would practically be abandoned for public travel. His Worship, however, favored the laying of the sidewalk as suggested, and a vote being taken the report of the committee was carried.

Among routine matters disposed of was a request from the Trades and Labor Day celebration, which was referred to the finance committee for report.

J. J. Cowley complained of a sidewalk which had been built too high in passing his residence, and worked to the injury of the property interests affected. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewer committee for report.

J. F. Raue, handmaster of the Victoria City band, asked for a share of the Labor Day celebration, which was referred to the finance committee for report.

W. G. Eden asked why his water supply had been cut off. Received and filed.

The building inspector reported as follows:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit a statement of appropriations for buildings and surveys:

City Hall\$1,000
Newly laid gone, will require \$200 more to paint and repair road.	
Water street pumping station300
Can do with \$100 to patch and paint roof200
Cemetery house100
Can do with \$2575
Old Men's Home100
Can do with \$2575
Market1,500
\$20 square ft. will require half an inch if new roof is put on.	
Agricultural building250
Will require \$100 more if secretary's office is built.	

There will not be any money to spare from the fire halls and electric light station.

This report was received and filed together with another report from the same official recommending improvements to the secretary's office of the agricultural buildings.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee report was adopted as follows:

Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects beg to report and recommend as follows:

That the suggestion of the Tramway Company with regard to placing a single line of poles between their tracks on James Bay causeway be adopted subject to a satisfactory arrangement being made as to cost.

That a wooden sidewalk six feet wide be substituted for the gravel walk already ordered for the east side of James Bay causeway.

That the Tramway Company be allowed a space not exceeding seven feet between their double tracks on James Bay causeway.

That the city engineer be instructed to proceed with the work of macadamizing James Bay causeway at the earliest possible date.

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of Pioneer street be extended as far as Quadra street.

That the petition for paving Johnson street between Government street and Wharf or Store street be granted, and that the necessary steps be taken to comply with the wishes of the petitioners.

That the work of completing the improvement of Turner street be referred to the city engineer for report as to cost.

All expenditures contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report thereon by the finance committee and adoption of such report by the council.

The city engineer submitted a report of a plan for the improvement of lot 171 James Bay. Received and filed.

J. A. Dailley reported a list of inspections during the month. Received and filed.

A petition was received from J. Robinson and about thirty others asking for a four-lane sidewalk on Cedar Hill road. Referred to the city engineer.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts totalling \$3,500. Adopted.

After the discussion on the water service as mentioned above the meeting adjourned.

BANK HOLIDAY

General Suspension of Business Throughout the United Kingdom—Yacht-ing at Cowes.

London, Aug. 1.—Bank holiday was celebrated to-day throughout the United Kingdom. In London none of the government offices were open, and here and in every other city the banks, stock exchanges and business houses were closed.

Brilliant weather prevailed, and in consequence the river and seaside resorts were crowded.

At Cowes, Isle of Wight, King Edward, Queen Alexandra and a large assembly of fashionable people attended the opening of the regatta week. The weather was fine, but the wind light, only enough to flutter the innumerable barges flying from the yachts which crowded the racetrack. The first race was a handicap for yachts of over 100 tons, in which Emperor William's Meteor III, and the Ingomar, owned by Morton Plant, of New York, among others participated. Ingomar finished first, but the White Feather won on time allowance.

The Sebastopol representative of the London Times asserts positively that the entire Russian volunteer fleet now in the Black Sea, with other large steamers, which have been taken over by the government, are under orders for government service outside the Black Sea at an early date.

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WANTED—MALE HELP

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

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AN APPRENTICE WANTED. Apply C. A. Goodwin, Harness Shop, Douglas St.

Market. Ad will require half an inch if new roof is put on.

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Young girl, for light house work. A. B. Times Office.

MILLINERY SALESWOMEN, also improvers and apprentices in trimming department, wanted for next season. Apply at once to D. Spencer.

WANTED—Competent nurse, two small children. Apply 119 Menzies street.

WANTED—Two ladies to represent mail order house; liberal salary and expenses paid weekly. Address Wm. M. Ketchen, Victoria, B. C.

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LOST—Sunday evening, about 8:30, carriage rug, black and side gray on other, between North Park, Quadra and King's road. Reward for return to L. Goodacre.

FOUND—On Chatham street, a bicycle. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for their cost. Apply D. Sprague, 55 Third street, Victoria.

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Rates for insertion in THE TIMES: All Classifications, except Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Time rates on application.

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WANTED—Carpenter's tools, trunks, cast-off clothing, boots, shoes, etc., etc. Write or call on Jacob Aaronson's New and Second-Hand Store, 54 Johnson street.

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WANTED—Chimney sweeping, no mess, from 50c; smoky chimneys cured. Tel. A98, or 4 Broughton street.

TO JOB PRINTERS—Our artists are now taking cover designs, sketches, etc., for the new catalogue work produced in the West. Send your ideas, and outline sketches will be furnished without charge. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

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TO LET—Five roomed house, with bath and pantry, No. 5 Bodwell street. Apply No. 1 Cedar Hill road.

TO LET—First-class front bedroom. 63 Superior street.

TO LET—5 roomed cottage, 94 Menzies street, all modern conveniences; large ironing; convenient to town, park and beach. Apply on premises.

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TO LET—At Oak Bay, 9 roomed house, newly kalsomined and fitted with electric light. Apply 50 McClure street.

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TO LET—By 1st of August, large six roomed cottage, cor. Chalmers and Whitaker streets. Apply 128 Government street.

TO LET—5 roomed cottage on Fort street, near Quadra street; modern conveniences. Apply 151 Fort street.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS TO LET—Single or en suite; cheapest in city; across from Dominion Hotel. 126 Yates street.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—Steel fireproof safe, 28x18x18, combination lock; National typewriter, complete; black and white camera, good as new; cheap for cash. 157 Pandora Ave. N. Y.

FOR SALE—\$41 of stock York County Loan Company, Toronto; what offer? W. G. Eden, care of Times.

FOR SALE—60 doz. Kryslin at half-price; regular goods from Kryslin Factory. At X. L. Second-Hand Store, 8 Store street.

FOR SALE—The furniture and good-will of the Burnes House, Bastion Square; first-class location; 32 rooms, 28 furnished in good style; modern conveniences; reasonable rent. Inquire of Hinkson Sid-dall, 14 Chancery Lane, agent for Mr. and Mrs. Stirling.

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To Let—Labouchere St., 6 rooms 8
To Let—Richmond Ave., 3 rooms 5
To Let—Vancouver St., 5 rooms 8
To Let—Cadboro Bay road, 7 rooms 17
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FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, and 7 roomed house, McClure street; \$3,000.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, near Rockland street, 2 vacant lots; only \$700.

FOR SALE—Shawnigan Lake, 1/2 acre and cottage, with furniture; only \$300.

FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, new cottage of 5 rooms, bath and pantry, Old Esquimalt road, \$1,500; particularly easy terms.

FOR SALE—Pembroke street, near Douglas street, lot 60x120, 5 roomed cottage, modern conveniences; only \$1,500.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Aug. 2.—5 a. m.—Summer weather conditions continue both on the North Pacific slope and throughout the Canadian Northwest. The barometer is highest on the Washington coast, and a low area holds its position in Alberta. Light showers have fallen at Prince Albert.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate southerly winds, fine and warm to-day and Wednesday.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, fine and warm to-day and Wednesday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, calm; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 3 miles E.; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 10 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles N.W.; weather, cloudy.

THE DRIED FIRE.

New York Journal Has an Illustrated Article on It.

A recent issue of Fire and Water Engineering, a journal published in New York devoted to fire protection, water supply and sanitation, contains a somewhat lengthy account of the Dried Fire. The narrative, which is accompanied by pictures of Chief Watson and the building, says:

"The fire was handled intelligently and by experts, and the men, who braved no end of danger from suffocation and kindred perils, never once flinched from their task. As it happened, none of them paid for their heroism with their lives, although several were overcome by the smoke. The difficulties confronting them may be imagined when they had to ply their tools and axes on the almost adamant steel and concrete sidewalks before they could find a place of entrance for their hose nozzles, and had to face the volumes of smoke that poured in from the fuel room in which were piled cords of wood, all of which were ablaze, and soon became a steaming mass of water-soaked debris, sending forth a pungent, irritating, stifling and evil-smelling stench, blinding and choking those who were exposed to its fumes. The fire practically got no higher than the floor on the street level, where the girders, pillars and ceiling will have to be renewed."

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JAPANESE WRESTLING.

Party on the Way to St. Louis May Give Exhibition in This City.

There is a probability that an exhibition of Japanese wrestling may be put on in this city within a few days. There is in Victoria at present one of a large party of famous exponents of the Japanese style of wrestling who is on his way to St. Louis. The remaining members of the party will arrive by the next steamer, and will debark here for a few days.

Among the party coming is one fellow who is reputed to weigh over 300 pounds. The wrestler now here is a comparatively young fellow, being only about 19 years of age. He has not yet attained the abnormal weight which counts for so much in some of the Japanese styles of wrestling.

Some of the Japanese residents of this city are endeavoring to have an exhibition put on while the party is in the city. They explain that the wrestling is done in the open air, and have proposed the Caledonia grounds for the purpose. They explain that the method employed would be to put about seven or eight pairs of wrestlers at work at the same time directly in view of the grand stand. At the conclusion of it those participating join in a kind of native dance, accompanied by swinging on the part of the wrestlers. For this latter exercise the men wear gorgeous costumes.

The exhibition would be a novel one for this city, and many will be glad if arrangements are made to put it on.

FIRE AT CRANBROOK.

Large Block of Buildings Swept Away—Loss is \$5,000.

Fate was kind to Cranbrook on Friday. It was only by the happiest luck, coupled with the most strenuous efforts on the part of her citizens, that the city was saved from a disastrous conflagration similar to that which overtook Esplanade. As it was, a large block of buildings, fronting the depot and consisting of the Victoria House, the restaurant in connection therewith, and a dry goods store were wiped out in the short space of 45 minutes, involving a loss of \$5,000.

Half of which is only covered by insurance. At the time of the outbreak there were between 25 and 30 people asleep in the rooms of the Victoria. Some of the sleepers had very narrow escapes. A carpenter named Smith awoke to find the flames in his room. But meantime the stairs had collapsed, and Smith, finding all other egress barred, leaped from his window to the ground, a distance of 30 feet. In his fall he suffered serious internal injuries and a broken arm.

Meanwhile the whole town had been aroused and the primitive fire appliances promptly hauled out. It was seen that to save the burning building would be an impossible task and the self-constituted fire fighters devoted their energies to throwing water on the adjoining properties. In the end their efforts met with success and this plan undoubtedly saved the greater portion of the town.

This is the second narrow escape from the fire fiend that Cranbrook has had in three months.

ATTACH PROPERTY.

Claim Brought by Philadelphia Firm Against the San Leandro Farm.

News comes from Oakland, Cal., that Sheriff Bishop on the 21st of last month served an attachment on the Southern farm, the beautiful San Leandro home of the late Mrs. Josephine Dunsinuir, now the property of her daughter, Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress.

The attachment is served to secure a claim against the actress amounting to \$500.52 and held by George Barrie & Sons, of Philadelphia, for books, carriages, etc., purchased by Mrs. Dunsinuir shortly before her death. Suit now is pending before Judge Kerrigan in San Francisco. The Southern farm consists of a handsome residence, lavishly furnished, and 315 acres of grounds. The estate has been in constant litigation for some years owing to suits brought by art dealers, bookellers and curio merchants of New York, Chicago and other cities. An action is now pending against the estate, based on a claim of \$9,463.75, alleged to be due the plaintiffs for art and curios. The trustees are fighting the action on the ground that Mrs. Dunsinuir was imposed upon by the dealers and charged exorbitant prices.

Mrs. Dunsinuir died December 25th, 1900, and Edna Wallace Hopper inherited the estate.

TEACHERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

TRUSTEES SELECTED ADDITIONS TO STAFF

E. A. Lewis Wants the British Flag Hoisted Every Day Over City Schools.

The board of school trustees met last evening and appointed five teachers on the public school staff for the coming year. These were J. W. H. King, Misses McGill, Sweet, Johnson and Redfern. Mr. King has had considerable experience in the schools of the province. Miss McGill was formerly on the city school staff, and has been teaching at Grand Forks since that time. The remaining three teachers were on the staff last year.

There were present at the meeting Chairman Jay, Trustees Dr. Hall, Mowat, Huggert, Lewis and Boggs, and Superintendent Eaton.

The superintendent of education wrote stating that the council of public instruction had found it impossible to sanction the holding of half day sessions in any of the city schools. Permission had been granted in cases which differed materially from this, that is where school buildings were under course of construction. In the case of the Victoria schools nothing of this kind existed, and to allow of half day sessions would mean a long continuation of the system.

Trustee Boggs reported that the alterations of the old High school building were about completed. He asked for permission to procure a stove for Victoria West school.

"And part of a store," suggested Chairman Jay.

With this suggestion Trustee Boggs concurred.

Trustee Hall, in moving that a letter of condolence be sent to Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, referred to the afflictions which had befallen Mrs. Jenkins in the loss of her husband.

The superintendent was instructed to prepare a suitable letter to be sent. Trustee Hall suggested in view of the letter received from the department of education, that the additional teachers who had been in service last term should be re-engaged to continue work, as it would be necessary to have three rooms opened temporarily. He pointed out that there was a large room at the old High school building in which they might place about 80 primary pupils, providing two teachers for it. One of the rooms in the High school might also be utilized in connection with the Girls' Central.

Trustee Boggs thought that while the large room was being fitted up it might be a wise thing to bring the small pupils down to the lower floor.

Superintendent Eaton was of the opinion that they would be able to accommodate the High school pupils with the seven teachers as during last term. A class of girls could be moved up to the High school and put boys in the old High school. If this did not accommodate them two rooms would have to be utilized at the High school. He thought there would be no undue difficulty in accommodating the pupils in the South Ward school. He did not know yet how it would be at the North Ward school.

Trustee Mowat suggested getting another room somewhere down town for the Chinese pupils, or moving them over to South Park school.

Miss Sweet and Miss Johnson were appointed permanently on the staff of teachers, and Miss Redfern was appointed temporarily until the beginning of the year.

Later, after considering the applications, J. W. H. King was appointed at a salary of \$720, and Miss McGill at a salary of \$600.

On the suggestion of Superintendent Eaton, it was decided to fit up a room in the city hall, adjoining the present school office, to be used by the superintendent as a private office in cases of need.

On motion of Trustees Mowat and Boggs, Superintendent Eaton's salary was increased \$50 a year.

Trustee Hall thought the city should feel proud of its record at the recent High school examination. He hoped that Victoria would continue to lead in the examinations.

Chairman Jay suggested paying the teachers the four-tenths of the salary due them for the fall term in five installments. It was somewhat of a hardship to some of the teachers to receive nothing from the end of June until the end of September.

Trustee Lewis did not see why the British flag should not fly over the school house during the session of the school. He thought the janitors should be instructed to raise and lower the flag. Schools that had not flags should be furnished with them.

This was greeted with applause, and the superintendent instructed to see if provisions could not be made for this. Trustee Lewis also wanted dry land swimming taught in the schools, as it was in Germany.

In reply to him, Trustee Boggs and others said this was already done, and in addition the pupils were taught swimming in the water.

The meeting then adjourned.

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HEAVY THUNDERSTORM.

Damage By Lightning at New York—Basements Flooded.

New York, Aug. 1.—During a heavy thunderstorm in this city this afternoon lightning shattered the flagstaff on the federal building. The Third avenue elevator, near Fifty-second street, was struck, the third rail blazing up and two horses are reported to have been killed by the same bolt. The rain was very heavy. Great quantities of surface water in Broad street choked the manholes, and the portion of overflow flooded the basements of some of the buildings in that section. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices in the basement of the New York Stock Exchange were flooded to a depth of several inches. The flagpole on the "Flatiron" building was struck, and a piece of it fell to the ground. No one was hurt, and the building was not injured.

At Long Island the varnish works of Smith & Co. were struck by a lightning bolt. Within less than five minutes the whole building, a three-story brick structure, was in flames. Adjoining the varnish plant is another varnish works, and there are many other plants in the immediate neighborhood, where much inflammable material is stored.

IN THE LUMBER CAMP.

There is one thing which every one seems to know and to like, and that is Pay Roll plug-chewing tobacco. It tastes so good, and then lumbermen get many useful articles free in premiums by saving the tags and exchanging them. All stores sell "Pay Roll."

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What we have to say in reference to

the above, in addition to what has al-

ready been said in the *Colonist* about the

Grand Trunk Pacific from a provincial

point of view is that no man who under-

stands the position in this province can

say it is a good contract for the province.

We have stated that it is not a good con-

tract, and that locally considered it does

not contain a single redeeming feature

for which a business man would vote or

that an honest politician could commend.

No paper in the province, no public man

of the province, has so far found the tem-

erarity to point to a single detail in which

the contract is good for the province. No

newspaper or public man can point to

such a feature and maintain his position

by facts and argument. Moreover,

while we cannot prove the assertion to

be actually true, we believe, and every

presumption of fact in the case goes to

show, that the contract was purposely

made in order that those in whose

interest it is might be enabled to come to

the province and penalize it for "better

terms."

The above is from the *Colonist*. As a

sample of brazen effrontery we do not

think its equal can be found even in the

columns of our contemporary itself, and

in its long and varied career as an

apologist for the injustices of every public

exploiter who has profited at the ex-

pense of the province of British Colum-

bia the record of the *Colonist* would be

hard to beat.

As a matter of incontrovertible fact, the

announcement that the government of

the Dominion had made arrangements

with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

Company for the construction of a new

transcontinental line was received with

trances of approval in all parts of the

province. Public men and public journals

an excuse for the unsolicited munificence of the extraordinarily open-handed policy of this government. The contract as ratified by Parliament penalizes the province, we are told with due solemnity. There is no provision in it which says that the work of construction shall begin on the Pacific end. There is not a word in it about commencing anywhere. That is left to the company's judgment. It has seven years from December next in which to complete its undertaking. There is not a practical railway man on the continent who does not know as an absolute fact that the work of construction must be prosecuted at every available point in order that the terms of the agreement may be carried out. McBride will say that he was compelled to give a bonus to secure immediate commencement of work on this end and in order that the people of British Columbia might receive all the benefits naturally flowing from the prosecution of the undertaking. No doubt the Grand Trunk people will sustain him in that. Common gratitude for a princely gift of land will compel them to do that much. But the fact will still remain that the programme of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company was prepared months before McBride sent his emissaries to offer the land bonus, that it contemplated the prosecution of surveys in British Columbia with all possible speed, and the construction of the line as soon as located. The donation of land proposed will not add one cent to the material benefits the people of British Columbia will receive from the construction of the line. Electors must form their own conclusions as to the purpose McBride and Green have in view in making such a tremendous sacrifice.

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COOL WORK OF BAND OF TRAIN ROBBERS

Held Up Express and Relieved Passengers of Money and Valuables - Escaped With Booty.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Highwaymen, all heavily armed, and two of them wearing masks, last night held up the passengers on the Illinois Central, Chicago & St. Louis express train known as the "Diamond Special," on the outskirts of Chicago, as it neared Matteson, Ill. The robbers secured all the money and valuables carried by the 30 passengers in the two Pullman sleepers, stopped the train and escaped in the darkness.

The forward sleeper was entered first, the occupants were aroused and—with nothing on but their nightclothes were marched back to the Pullman car. Two of the passengers who were slow in responding to the command of the robbers were hit on the head with a hatchet, and one was seriously injured. It was impossible last night to obtain the names of the injured passengers.

When the passengers in the two cars had been lined up in the rear Pullman, each of the robbers stood guard, one at each end of the car, with drawn revolvers. The third one, who is supposed to have been the leader, ordered the passengers who had been compelled to bring their clothes from the first car to throw the garments on the floor of the car. The passengers in the rear car were then commanded to return to their berths and leave their clothes in the same place. Then the leader, the only one who was not armed, began to search the passengers for valuables. When he had finished this search he made a close examination of the passengers for any money they might have secreted. When the search had been completed all the booty was placed in four sacks and the three robbers joined their companions, who had stood guard in the vestibule of the train.

Pulling the bell rope, the signal to the engineer to stop was given, and when the speed of the train had slackened sufficiently the robbers, after having locked the doors of the car, jumped out and fled in the darkness.

So systematic was the work of the robbers, and with so little confusion, that the train crew was unaware of what was going on. It was not until the engineer, in response to the signal, brought his train to a standstill and seeing locked the remainder of the crew, walked back to the rear of the train to ascertain what was the matter, that he learned of the robbery. No attempt was made to rob the mail or express cars.

The robbers secured more than \$1,000 in money and valuables.

E. H. Groce, superintendent of telegraphs for the Illinois Central, who was one of the men robbed, left the train at Kankakee and notified the Central railroad detectives in Chicago. The latter were sent out on a train to begin the search for the robbers. Supr. Groce's story, as told at Kankakee, was as follows:

"The men must have boarded the train at Harvey, for we were but a few miles out when they appeared at the door of the last Pullman, and, cursing the brakeman and porter, ordered them into the smoking compartment. They went through the car and ordered all the men out. At first the men seemed to think the affair a joke, and did not hasten. One of the bandits then fired into a berth whose occupant was slower than the rest. He came scrambling out in a hurry, and the rest responded more readily to the orders after that."

"One other passenger, a boy of 18 years old, was partly awake. He too was slow, and when a bandit told him to get into the aisle the robber struck him with a hatchet. He was cut severely."

"They drove all the men to the smoking

literary world. It is entitled, "Things and the Man," and is of five stanzas, each ending with the italicized "Once on a time there was a man." The final stanza is an enthusiastic suggestion that even in these days there is a man who is capable of great things. Following are the first and last stanzas of the poem:

Oh, ye, who hold the written clue
To all save all unwritten things,
And half a league behind, pursue
The accomplished fact with floats and flags,
Look, to your knee your baby brings
The oldest tale since earth began,
The answer to your writings:
"Once on a time there was a man."

A bold is fallen from the blue
Awakened, full circle swings
Where Dothan's dreamer dreams anew
Of vast and farborn harvestings:
And unto him an empire comes:
That grips the purpose of his plan,
My lords, how think you of these things?
Once—in our time—is there a man.

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Thanks to the wisdom of the Laurier government in granting a lead bounty no less than fifty-one silver-lead mines are working to-day in the Kootenays. This is a splendid showing and is an excellent object lesson of how much a government can do to promote and create prosperity. Were the provincial government as wise as the Ottawa administration, it would repeal the 2 per cent. tax, and remove several other unnecessary burdens that now impede the development of this district. But it is useless to expect anything of the kind so long as McBride rules at Victoria.

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PERSONAL.

E. E. Billingham, who returned last week from a visit to some of his interests in Cariboo, says that the conditions there arising from the fire are becoming serious. He went in as far as the 111-Mile House and found fire raging all through the La Hache district. There has been an utter absence of rainfall for so many months that the crops will be very short. One of the road houses, too, seemed doomed, as fire was closing in on it from almost every side. Mr. Billingham reports that mining prospects are very bright, and that Slough Creek, where a deep shaft has been dug down to the alluvial drift beneath the creek bed, is looking excellent.

B. J. Short, accompanied by a couple of gentlemen skilled in the construction of fish traps, arrived from Vancouver last evening. He intends commencing work on a trap this side of Clover Point immediately. It will only be a temporary structure erected for testing purposes. If the results of this experiment warrant it, Mr. Short will construct a permanent trap on the same site next year and establish a salmon industry at that point. While in the city he is making his headquarters at the Dominion.

W. A. Popp and family, of San Jose, Cal., and Miss Edna C. Popp, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion. They are on their way home after attending the World's Fair at St. Louis. It is understood that this party is one of many that intend returning West from the fair via British Columbia and Washington state.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, has gone to Golden where he will meet Dr. James Fletcher, entomologist and botanist of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, and Thos. G. Earl, of Lytton. A tour will be made of East and West Kootenay by the party in the interests of agriculture.

G. D. Robinson, of the Bingham Canyon smelter, Salt Lake City, is at the Driford. This smelter has for some months been under the supervision of H. C. Bellinger, who has been very successful in that position. Mr. Robinson is accompanied by his daughter and by C. M. Dunn, of the smelter staff.

"G. H. Barnhart and wife are registered at the Home," says the Nelson News. "They arrived here from Victoria on Wednesday. Mrs. Barnhart and children have been living in Victoria. Now they will take up their residence at the Ymir mine, where Mr. Barnhart is manager."

J. M. Ormold, of Amherst, N. S.; J. A. Cosner and wife, Ingersoll, Ont.; and J. B. Doran, Jas. McGowan, A. E. D. Stewart, W. H. Bird, Mrs. King and Miss King, Henry Malone and Jas. E. Dye, Jr., and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon.

M. Kathryn Morrell, of Alaska; D. S. M. Terrell, wife and family, of California; Miss B. Jaffe, of Seattle; M. Landan, of Montreal; A. N. Sproat, of Winnipeg; and

J. M. Tahy, of Toronto, are at the Driford.

The Watson Stock Company arrived from San Francisco last evening. They were guests at the Vernon, leaving this morning for Vancouver where they fill an engagement.

M. E. Killean, designer of ladies' costumes, is at the Balmoral, and is organising a class to teach the art of dress cutting, fitting, designing and trimming.

J. E. Holland and wife, of Alesbury, Ill.; F. H. Price, A. Day and B. W. Shaw, of Dunsmuir, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

H. G. H. Wray, for some time past chief clerk at the Hotel Driford, has resigned his position to take charge of the Silver Grill room of the Hotel Spokane.

Lady Joly de Lotbiniere, who suffered a relapse within the past few days, is again improving, and is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

H. Cecil and wife, of Victoria Mines; F. E. Hume, of Vancouver; and W. J. Pink, of Newbury Bore, Eng., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. A. Fullerton, of Vancouver, ship's husband to the Empress liners, is at the Driford awaiting the arrival of the Empress of Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marvin, after spending two weeks at Mayne Island, returned home on the steamer Princess Victoria on Saturday.

James Breen, of Spokane, who is deeply interested in the Crofton smelter, is in the city, a guest at the Driford.

Clive Phillips-Wolley and Miss Wolley, of Pier Island, are in the city. They are guests at the Balmoral.

Mrs. Dr. Riggs and her sister, Miss Belita Carss, of Vancouver, are visiting friends in the city.

A. P. Kition, of the Strathcona hotel, Shawanigan Lake, is a guest at the Vernon.

E. E. Emery, wife and daughter, of Edmont, are at the Vernon.

Capt. Gibson and Miss Gibson, of Chelmsford, are at the Driford.

J. D'Arcy Stevens and Rev. J. Antle are at the Balmoral.

E. H. Spalding, of London, is at the Vernon.

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The regular review of Baxter Hiv, No. 8, L. O. T. M., will be held this evening at 9 o'clock at Semple's hall, Victoria West.

The executive of the Tourist Association will meet this afternoon to consider arrangements for the receiving of bodies which are to visit the city this year.

Instead of the usual practice at 82 North Park street, on Wednesday evening, all those who wish to take part in the opera "Dorothy" must be at Madame Myer's studio, Alexandra College, at 7 o'clock sharp.

The tour throughout the province of Prof. Shutt, chemist of the Central Experimental Farm, at Ottawa, is likely to prove of great value to the farming community of British Columbia. Deputy Minister Anderson accompanied Prof. Shutt on the trip. While making a thorough study of the districts visited the Dominion chemist delivered lectures before the various farmers' institutes.

The public library returns for July are as follows: Books issued, 1,212; to ladies 554; to gentlemen, 658; highest number issued in one day, 95; average number, 60; new members, 22; ladies, 11; gentlemen, 11; books added: "My Schools and Schoolmasters," by Miller; "Casting of Nets," Bagot; "Childhood, Boyhood, Youth," Tolstol; "Practical Poultry Keeping," Wright; "History of France," Smith; and others.

The police returns for the past month show the following charges: Drunkenness, 27; theft, 4; possession of drink, 1; infraction of bicycle by-law, 2; indecent exposure, 1; breach of health by-law, 1; breach of thistle by-law, 2; possession of stolen property, 1; assault, 3; cruelty to animals, 1; inmates of houses of ill-fame, 2; vagrants, 2. There were 41 convictions, 10 were discharged, 1 sent to the lunatic asylum and 9 detained for safe-keeping.

The following donations were thankfully received at the Aged Women's Home during July: Mrs. Dr. Clements, sugar; J. H. White, cream; Emily Anderson, flowers; Rev. Mr. Miller, flowers; Miss Spencer, cards and flowers; Miss Becker, pies; Mrs. McMartin, strawberries; Mrs. Goodacre, floor oilcloth and clothes line; Mrs. Caroe, soap; Mrs. Dr. Powell, reading matter; Chas. Vernon, vegetables; Mrs. Van Tassel, cherries and flowers; Mrs. Belford, flowers; Mrs. Bostock, flowers; Mrs. J. Kerwin, reading matter and clothing; Mr. Sharp, for laying oilcloth; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

The Crystal theatre has another strong programme to offer its many patrons this week. Harry Howard is a Southern minnie and impersonator. Divine Hodson, introducing "The Duchess of Central Park," makes his first appearance here. Robert Nome, the king of musicians, is next. Mr. Nome gave his services free of charge to the C. P. R. strikers' union benefit last year, and after having taken several curtain calls was forced to make a few remarks on unionism. The Hiem children, the world's foremost sketch artists, are a feature in themselves. Walter Kellogg sings "The Little Place That I Call Home," illustrated, and a good moving picture film closes the one hour and fifteen minutes show.

Esquimalt is among the happy bathing spots along the coast. A salt water plunge is the order every evening, and some very clever feats are seen. One swimmer takes a dive of at least 20 yards and comes out of the water remarkably fresh. On Sunday morning trap shooting afforded a little innovation to the daily routine. Lately, among others, is said to have distinguished himself. But many campers may be seen at almost any point along the coast these days. Cardova Bay has a big number of campers. There are tents almost from one end of the beach to the other. It is one of the most up-to-date camps around Victoria. Amusements of all kinds are provided daily. H. V. Savoy has opened a grocery in which he dispenses refreshments of various kinds, in addition to keeping the usual stock in trade. A pavilion has been erected, and dances are given every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

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CHICAGO, U. S. A.

The names of the two young ladies who passed the University of Toronto musical examination were Miss Elsie Merriman and Miss May Rowland.

The regular meeting of Victoria Trades and Labor Council will be held to-morrow evening in Labor hall. An important business will be transacted if it is desirable that a full representation be present.

A meeting will be held of the manufacturers and industrial department committee of the B. C. Agricultural Association at Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy's office, 102 Government street, to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

There will be a very important meeting of the Victoria members of the British Columbia Rifle Association in the drill hall to-morrow (Wednesday) night at 8 o'clock sharp. The efficiency of members as regards the Ottawa team will be thoroughly discussed.

Active preparations are being made for the erection of the new C. P. R. wharf on Belleville street. For some time past the piles to be used have been undergoing a preserving treatment at Schell's Point. Already a number have been prepared and are ready to be put in position. On the property adjoining the J. B. A. A. club house the present wharves are being cleared away preparatory to beginning the new works.

A meeting of the Victoria Gun Club will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the offices of Weiler Bros. One of the most important matters to be considered is the date of the annual cup shoot. Many are in favor of holding the event on the 7th, and it is not unlikely that the shoot will take place on that date at Langford Plains. The cup is now held by W. H. Adams, but a determined effort will be made by our members to capture the coveted trophy. Competition will probably be exceptionally keen.

Mr. John McGraw, of the engineering staff of the steamer Edna Grace, and Miss Grace Wilson, fourth daughter of Mr. James Wilson, sanitary inspector, last evening in marriage at the manse last evening by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. The ceremony was a quiet one, only relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. The bride was given away by her father, Miss Neglands acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Alan Wilson supported the bridegroom. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon on the mainland.

Although the new patrol wagon was received by the police from Mabie's carriage factory only yesterday afternoon, before midnight it had been used three times. Its first occupant was T. P. Young, who was conveyed to the provincial jail, where he will serve a sentence of two months' imprisonment with hard labor for stealing a quantity of paint brushes from the Marine Company. A man named Lugen was picked up in the vicinity of the outer docks appearing to be ill. Later, another alarm called the wagon out to handle a drunk who was incapable of motion. This morning a report of a theft of a bicycle came from the Victoria Gardens and the vehicle went after the man. He was caught riding merrily towards town on a wheel. Man, bicycle and all, were placed in the patrol wagon and conveyed to the police station.

FROM THE ORIENT.

Ship Saw Nothing of Vladivostok Squadron—Another War Correspondent a Passenger.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan, Captain Pybus, which arrived here from China and Japan shortly after noon, saw nothing of the Russian squadron reported off the coast of Japan a week or more ago. Officers of the ship say that they were immediately behind the small craft which, reported sighting the warships, and although a close lookout was kept on the Canadian liner, and she stood considerably higher out of the water than the other vessel, nothing whatever was seen of the Vladivostok fleet. The Shamout was sighted about mid-ocean, heading for the Asiatic side.

The Japan reports an uneventful passage. She brought over 100 saloon passengers, 23 intermediate and 191 steerage. Among those in the saloon was Oscar King Davis, correspondent for the New York Herald, who was the first to land a complete story of the battle on the Yalu. Mr. Davis sent a two-page story over the wires from Victoria. He saw the fighting on Yalu, but is reserving all he has now in the shape of news for his own paper. He started this morning that the Japanese entirely misunderstood the nature of the newspaper correspondents' case.

At Tokio he met a number of the newspaper men, and reports all well.

AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

Annual Open Tournament of Victoria Club Continued This Morning.

A good crowd gathered at the Belcher street courts this morning to witness the second day's games in connection with the annual open tournament of the Victoria club. One of the most interesting matches was that of Schwengers and Rithet vs. Johnson and Williams, in which the former couple won after a close contest. A game between J. B. Bell and A. Remington, of Tacoma, in which the local player was victorious, also attracted considerable attention.

Following are this morning's complete scores:

Miss M. Pitts beat Mrs. Musgrave 6-1, 6-0.
Miss Hobson, of Vancouver, beat Miss Geary 6-3, 6-3.
Schwengers and Rithet beat Johnson and Williams 6-2, 10-8.
L. Solly beat P. G. Breeze, of Tacoma, by default.
J. D. Hunter beat J. Leeming 6-3, 8-6.
J. B. Bell beat A. Remington, of Tacoma, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
A. T. Goward beat T. G. Wilson 6-1, 6-2.

The Unschan claims for the newly-invented process of milking cows by electricity. Another cup being attached to the udder, the advantage of superior cleanliness, and 450¢ that the cows more readily yield the milk than when the hands are used.

WILL START OUT AFTER BIG GAME

EXPLORER HANBURY VISITING THE CITY

Preparing to Leave With His Brother for a Prolonged Tour of the Interior.

A visitor on entering the room of David T. Hanbury at the Hotel Driard this morning would have been slightly startled by the array of tents, travelling cases and camping paraphernalia in general which would have confronted his gaze. Had he been informed, however, that Mr. Hanbury is an explorer of no little celebrity, and is preparing for an extensive tour of the interior, after big game, Dease lake being his main objective, his astonishment would quickly have vanished. As a matter of fact Mr. Hanbury is packing up in readiness to take to-morrow's steamer on the first leg of his journey, and being an experienced man in such matters he doesn't intend to leave any requisite behind. He will be accompanied by his brother, John Hanbury, of London, England, who came here to meet him. They are old companions on tour, having "roughed it" together in the States eighteen years ago.

David Hanbury has been exploring and hunting throughout the interior of this province and the Canadian Northwest as well as Alaska for years. He is just the man for that kind of life, powerful of build, and evidently brimful of resource and determination. These qualities he must have had or he would not have been able to make the journey, which he recently chronicled in a book for which Macmillan, of New York and Toronto, has the American rights. In 1900, starting from Edmonton he journeyed to Great Slave lake, and from there crossed the Northwest to Hudson Bay. There he spent the winter, and in the spring started out on what proved to be an extensive exploratory trip. From the head of Chesterfield inlet he made a sleigh journey across the barren Northland to the Arctic. The Arctic coast was followed in a westerly direction to the mouth of the Coppermine river, which empties into the Arctic ocean. This river was ascended for about eighty miles. The journey was then continued, partly by land and partly by water, to the head of the Great Bear lake. There a Hudson's Bay post was encountered, and the journey was practically over. It took him twenty months.

In 1896 Mr. Hanbury ascended the Stikine and went down the Liard river as far as Fort Simpson, which is at the junction of the Liard and Mackenzie rivers. From there he proceeded to the Great Slave lake on a musk-ox hunt. In the following spring they returned, but found it impossible to return on the river in canoes, so they packed across the Rockies.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Mrs. Nelson A. Miles died at West Point, N. Y., on Monday night of heart disease.

The French foreign office denies the report of a rupture of relations between France and Venezuela.

The arrival at St. Louis on Monday of a Chicago & Eastern Illinois passenger train marked the establishment of a new trunk line service between St. Louis and Chicago.

The state department at Washington has official information that two Russian Great Slave lake on a musk-ox hunt. In the following spring they returned, but found it impossible to return on the river in canoes, so they packed across the Rockies.

According to trustworthy advices received in Paris the Japanese seriously fear an uprising in Korea. The Japanese garrison, it is said, have been strengthened by thousands during the last few days.

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AN ARGUMENT IN THE BLYGH CASE

WHAT IS DEFINITION OF TRANSIENT TRADER?

Counsel Discussed the Knotty Point Before the Police Magistrate Yesterday Afternoon.

Counsel in the case of A. Blygh, charged with carrying on the business of a transient trader without observing the conditions required by law, argued the matter yesterday afternoon. Mr. Robertson, who appeared for the defendant, applied for a dismissal on the ground that the prosecution had failed to prove its case. Section 44, sub-section 8, B. and C. chapter 52, defined the transient trader as one who refused to pay the license or put up security for the amount thereof, and this definition excluded any other. It was, therefore, necessary to show that all the stated conditions had been complied with before one could be proved a transient trader. In the present case this had not been done.

His point was that Mr. Blygh had been asked for the license and not for the cash deposit, and he could not have come within the definition. He further contended that the by-law was ultra vires. The statute required that the security demanded should be the amount of the license, while the by-law under consideration made the security double the amount. Also that while the statute said that the bond should be security that the trader should continue in business for 12 months, the by-law made other conditions, namely, that the trader should "personally remain" during that time, that he should pay the revenue tax and carry on a "home-like" business. Security for these further things was not contemplated or provided for in the statute, and were clearly ultra vires. He laid particular stress on the clause rendering a trader liable to forfeit the bond unless he personally remained in the city, a clause which could not be taken to mean anything other than what the words implied, and was obviously an absurd condition for any business man to have to comply with.

Mr. Bradburn, the city solicitor, contended that the definition of the transient trader was not confined to the section quoted by his friend. The definition was extended in another section of the by-law. He considered that the conditions had been complied with, the action of the collector in reading the sections of the by-law being equivalent to making the necessary demands.

As to the question of the amount of the bond, the city solicitor claimed that security of \$500 would be a bond for \$1,000, which was always double the amount of the sum it secured.

The words "personally remains" did not mean personal residence, but merely meant that the trader should remain in business in the city. Finally, he argued, that the rule was that by-laws of a city should be liberally construed, and he did not think that Mr. Robertson's highly technical objections should be allowed to interfere with the intentions of the council.

In reply, Mr. Robertson held that his objection had not been met, and that his client had not been shown to be a transient trader. Eventually the case was remanded until Thursday.

LADYSMITH NEWS.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

The excursion to Stevenson on Sunday, under the auspices of the local lodge of Eagles, was a great success. The steamer Joan was crowded, many coming on from Nanaimo.

George Williams's new brick block, opposite Bank of Commerce, will soon be ready for occupation. The metal roof and cornices are in position, and the plastering work is done. There are two large stores on the ground floor, and the upper floor will be rented for offices or living rooms.

Work on the Majuba shaft will be resumed this week. It is understood that Mr. McMartin, one of the directors, will superintend the further sinking. The prospects are excellent, and it will not be long till the first batch of ore will be shipped.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jessop are camped near the bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Rolston near Branton on the beach.

County court was held last Thursday. A few naturalization cases were dealt with, but the Small Debts court now takes most of the claims for debt.

The new Catholic church is nearly finished and is quite a handsome building, and is well suited for the needs of the city. It is by far the finest church in the place, and reflects great credit on the congregation, the clergyman and the contractor. The old church will probably be used as a school house.

GROWING OLD BEFORE TIME.

Everywhere you see her. A little while ago, buoyant, full of vigor and activity, enjoying things and imparting pleasure to others, but now in a few short months how faded. Now she is easily ready to develop some disease that will still further weaken and debilitate. It began by a slight falling of appetite, losing enjoyment of food and the power to digest it, tired in the morning when she arose, sleepless at night and nerves growing increasingly on edge. How steep the downhill grade, descent has been rapid. Build her up, give her Ferrozene. Note at once how it increases appetite, how the zest for food is the beginning of new life for rich red blood is now abundantly formed, the nerves are fortified and soothed, and the strength to do things increases quickly. With these improvements grow interest in life and strength to enjoy its pleasures and to perform its duties.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NELSON.

At the last regular fortnightly meeting the city council struck the civic tax rate on lands for the year at 25 mills, an increase of 4 mills over that of last year, caused by the Ward street sewer flood. An investigation committee to fully consider the claims for damages was appointed.

The agricultural association is spending nearly \$15,000 on new exhibition buildings of a permanent character, in a new grand stand, and in improving the grounds generally. The new buildings will have a floor space of 11,250 feet and the old building will be utilized for the poultry and the dog show. The mineral exhibit will be a special feature this year and will be in charge of James Johnston, the president of the association. All exhibits will show a marked advance over last year's show.

A fire was discovered Wednesday evening among a pile of boards some 20 feet to the east of Honeyman's new foundry. The policeman obtained a bucket of water and extinguished the blaze before any damage was done and reported the matter to Chief Steele. The chief visited the spot twice. He says the circumstances indicate that the fire was deliberately started and was the undoubted work of a "firebug."

KAMLOOPS.

A Salmon Arm correspondent of the Inland Sentinel says: "One of the best strikes recorded in the district is the Independence claim, located by F. A. McLeod, on Mount Ida. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Lund are developing the claim. They have tunneled quite a depth, and have uncovered a ledge about 8 feet wide. The last assay on the property was over \$214 in high grade galena. It is Mr. McLeod's intention to thoroughly develop the property before placing it on the market. There is quite a boom on farm property here, one of the most important transactions was the changing hands of the Glover property, the purchaser being Mr. Sharp, superintendent of the experimental farm at Agassiz."

News has been received here of the death of Ben Wehrfritz, formerly of this city, which occurred at Cananea, Mexico, from heart failure. Deceased came to Kamloops in 1894 and started the Imperial Brewery, later on taking in N. J. Hopkins as partner. In 1897 they sold out to the Imperial Brewing Co., Ltd., and Mr. Wehrfritz purchased the old Dominion hotel. In 1900 he sold out his interests in Kamloops, and in conjunction with Jas. Russell started a brewery at Glenora. Disposing of this property shortly after he returned to Vancouver where he ran the Arlington for some time. Later on he was engaged in business at Whistler and Seattle. The last year or so he had been engaged in running a brewery in Cananea, Mexico, where his death occurred.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The excursion of the steamer Iniquitous from Sidney to Vancouver on July 24th was thoroughly enjoyed by the passengers. The fare of \$1.50 for the round trip and the kindness of Capt. Sears in waiting at Vancouver for four hours instead of three were greatly appreciated by the passengers. Upon arriving at Vancouver a large number went out to Stanley Park, while others went to visit their friends. The steamer left Vancouver at 5 o'clock, and after leaving passengers at Mayne, Ganges and Pelford Harbor, arrived at Sidney after one of the most enjoyable outings yet spent on the little steamer.

S. Moore, B. A., the teacher of the Venus Bay school, has left for Winnipeg on a visit to his relations. While there he intends taking in the Dominion exhibition. Mr. Moore has been teaching ten years in British Columbia, having spent seven years in the interior and three on the coast.

Capt. M. Williams, R. A., of Victoria, who has been spending a couple of days with Mr. Buckley, at Ganges Harbor, left on Wednesday for Mayne Island.

Mrs. A. Few is the new tenant at P. L. Scott's farm at Ganges Harbor.

H. W. Bullock intends making a visit to England in a few weeks.

J. Norton's new house will soon be ready for him and his family to occupy.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business at Number 15 Broad Street, Victoria, as Commission Merchants, Importers and Dealers in Oriental Goods, etc., and known under the name and style of "Carter & McCandless," has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will be continued by Mr. Carter, who has assumed all liabilities and to whom all outstanding accounts are payable.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of July, A. D., 1904.

GEORGE CARTER,
A. G. McCandless.
Witness: F. B. GREGORY.

Notice to Contractors

Tenders for the construction of the foundation of the hotel to be built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the City of Victoria will be received up to noon on Monday, July 19th, 1904, and to be addressed to Mr. G. H. Webster, division engineer, Vancouver, at whose office plans and specifications can be inspected on and after July 8th.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

R. MARPOLE,
General Superintendent,
Vancouver, B. C., June 29th, 1904.

The time for receipt of the above tenders is extended until noon, August 1st, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Hotel," will be received up to the undersigned up to noon of Friday, the 12th August, 1904, for the erection and completion of a heating plant at the Industrial School, South Vancouver.

Plans, specification, forms of tender and contract may be seen on and after the 20th July, 1904, at the office of T. E. Julian, Esq., architect, Vancouver, and at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made upon the printed forms supplied for the purpose, and the agreement to execute a bond appended to the form of tender is a condition of the tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by the undersigned, duly signed by the contractor himself and two responsible sureties, residents of the faithful performance of the work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 27th July, 1904.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACOB SEHL, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED.

All persons who are indebted to the above estate are required to pay the amount thereof to the executor forthwith, and all persons who have any claims against the said estate are required to send in their accounts, duly authenticated, to the undersigned, on or before the first day of September, 1904, after which the executor will proceed to distribute the estate to the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims as may have been then received.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 24th day of June, 1904.

FELL & GREGORY,
Board of Trade Building,
Solicitors for John Joseph Sehl, Executor.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate at No. 9 Johnson street, Victoria, B. C., formerly known as the Gordon Hotel, but now known as "The Lounge," to Joseph Ball.

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Dated this 15th day of July, 1904.

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VICTORIA WATERWORKS.

TENDERS FOR WATER PIPES

Tenders, sealed, endorsed "Tenders for Water Pipes," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 p.m. on Monday, the 19th September, 1904, for the supplying of 12,000 feet of 4-inch cast iron Water Pipe, as per standard specification of the Victoria Waterworks, copies of which can be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

The pipes will be required to be delivered on or before the 1st day of May, 1905. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOOT,
Purchasing Agent,
City Hall 6th July, 1904.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we have deposited with the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, and the Registrar General of Titles, Victoria, B. C., plans and descriptions of site of a wharf proposed to be constructed by James Muirhead, of the Victoria Fishing Mills, of the said city, in the harbor, immediately fronting town lots 157 and 158; and, further, that we have on behalf of the said Company applied to the Governor-in-Council for approval thereof.

Dated 5th day of July, 1904.

LANGLAY & MARTIN,
50 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for Applicant.

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Dated this 15th day of July, 1904.

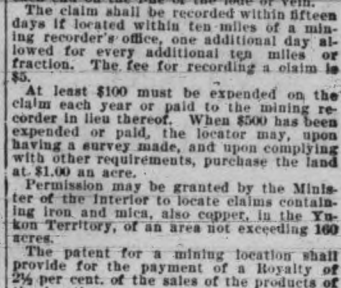
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Will Probably Be Delivered To-
Morrow.The government is preparing the prospecting
license for coal and oil lands in
Southeast Kootenay. The first of these
will be issued, it is expected, from the
department tomorrow. The remaining
ones will be sent to the claimants as soon
as they can be prepared, and the necessary
rules are being compiled with, including
the payment of the \$100 license fee.Just what the number to be issued will
be, it is impossible to present to-day.
There are about 1,000 licenses applied for.
All of these will not be pressed now, it
is believed, but on the contrary those
who know the situation of affairs do not
contemplate that more than 500 will be
issued. Many that would have risked
chances on establishing a title to their
claim with a \$200 fee will not be ready
to do so when \$100 is required of them.Among the first to get licenses are
some of those known under the name of
the Grand Forks syndicate, which those
interested in them contended are unassail-
able claims. These are large coal lands
lying on the Flathead river and close to
the boundary line of the Crow's Nest
Coal Company.The syndicate is said to be backed by
capital, and already are negotiating for
railway connection. The Flathead Coal
Company, with headquarters in Victoria,
will also get their licenses at once.John Watt, the veteran oil prospector,
with it is believed, have a good clear title
to claims in the southern part, and he
will thus be enabled to proceed at once
with the work of boring which has been
delayed in his case for years owing to
the inability to get licenses.The licenses as they are issued will, it
is understood, date from August 3rd.**LITTLE PARTY BROKEN UP.****Runaways From Vancouver Arrested on**
Landing Here.The police broke up a little excursion
party when the steamer arrived from
Vancouver last evening. The participants
were Sarah and Violet Norton, aged
fifteen and seventeen years respectively
and two young fellows named R. S.
Wicks and Wm. Herbert. The girls
were taken in charge by Detective Per-
due on instruction received in a telegram
from the chief of police of Vancouver.
They were conveyed to the police station
where they spent the night and to-day.
Their male companions were not arrested,
but are putting in the time as well as
they can. The girls deny that it was a
wholesale elopement that the unsentimen-
tal and unromantic Detective Perdue
so cruelly nipped in the bud. On the con-
trary they claim that they were merely
on an innocent two days' visit to Vic-
toria and can't understand why they
should be detained in the lock-up. They
think that they should be allowed an op-
portunity to take in the points of interest
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They will return home this evening in
charge of their father.**WARTS AND CORNS.**Don't be afraid to touch them for fear
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BRITISH VESSEL**NOME STAMPEDERS**
PLAN DARING DEED**Spokane Sails This Evening on Her Last**
Northern Excursion of the
Season.A story comes from Dawson that the
crew of the steamer Oil City, which has
just arrived there from St. Michael, re-
ports that 30 Nome stampeders a few
days ago planned to seize the British
steamer Research at Nulato, to throw
the captain into chains and run the boat
up the Koyukuk to the reported new
strike on Midas creek. As the vessel is
British, she was not allowed to sail up
the Koyukuk or to any other American
destination. The vessel cleared from
Nome for Dawson, which is on the Cana-
dian side, the passengers pretending to
be bound for Dawson. The Oil City
passed the Research 300 miles below Nu-
lato. If the scheme was successfully ex-
ecuted the Research is now, no doubt,
far up the Koyukuk.**KILLING TRADE.**A San Francisco dispatch of July 31st
says: The order given yesterday by
Manager Schwabacher of the Pacific Mail
Steamship Company, suspending all
freight to Oriental ports until the close
of the war, practically puts an end to
exports to the Orient, as the order is con-
sidered by the Occidental & Oriental
Steamship Company and the Portland &
Astoria Steamship Company, which is
the Green Hill and Navigation Com-
pany's China line out of Portland. The
order includes freight to Japan, Korea,
Siberia and Manchuria, and also to
China.This cutting off of all trade between
the Orient and the West means a serious
loss, not only to steamship companies,
but to the mercantile world. America's
trade with Japan, including imports and
exports, amounts to \$17,500,000 a year
under normal conditions, with China \$14-
000,000, with Korea, Siberia and Russo-
China an additional million, or a total of
\$32,000,000.This means a loss to San Francisco
shipping firms of \$300,000 per month and
a loss of \$100,000 monthly to steamship
companies.
Leading exporters here say that the
embargo will paralyze the Oriental trade
of San Francisco, and perhaps of the
whole coast. The damage it will work
if not soon rescinded will be incalculable.
Large orders on hand made with a time
limit for delivery will have to be sacri-
ficed, and in the end trade deflected to
other quarters.**LAST OF SEASON.**This evening the Pacific Coast Steam-
ship Company's northern excursion
steamer Spokane will arrive from the
Sound on her way to Alaska on what is
to be her last trip in the service this
season. Usually one more trip is made
after this, and the excursion season runs
into about September, but this year there
have not been so many people travelling
in this direction, and the company has
decided to cancel one of the voyages
scheduled for the ship. She will, how-
ever, be full of passengers when leaving
Victoria tonight. Among those who will
be going north on her will be H. W.
Cannon, president of the Pacific Coast
Company, whose headquarters is in New
York. He is accompanied by a party
of five or six. The Pacific Coast Com-
pany is a big concern, which not only
manages the steamship line on this coast,
but conducts an important coal trade as
well as other business.**THE MEXICAN SERVICE.**In connection with a vote of \$50,000
for a steamboat service between Canada
and Mexico, Sir Richard Cartwright ex-
plained, when discussing the estimates in
the House of Commons, Ottawa, that
tenders had been called for, for the pur-
pose of ascertaining whether we could
promote communication between the two
countries. The Mexican government had
agreed to give a similar sum of \$50,000.
The intention was in the first place to
try and establish a service on the Pacific
Coast from Vancouver and Victoria,
touching at Mexican ports on the Pacific
Coast. If that was satisfactory one
would be established on the Atlantic
Coast up to St. John and Halifax. The
trade between the two countries now was
rather small, but was capable of develop-
ment. We could export lumber, coal and
fish, and import tropical fruits, etc. The
scheme was largely in the nature of an
experiment.**MARINE NOTES.**Steamer Queen sailed for San Fran-
cisco last evening with the following Vic-
toria passengers: Gordon Gardiner, S.
H. Jackson, Miss J. Gray, Miss G. Gray,
Mrs. H. Gray, B. McCannan, J. Arnold,
Miss N. Devereaux, Mrs. Helen Mc-
Kenzie, E. Bowing, A. B. Deuil and D.
M. McNeill.Steamer Athenian is due from the
Orient on the 13th inst.Twelve hundred workmen from the
Pullman car works have been laid off
since June 1st because of lack of orders,
says a Chicago dispatch. Half-a-dozen
departments of the big plant are idle.**THERE WILL BE**
NO AMALGAMATION**STRONG OPPOSITION**
DEFEATS THE SCHEME**Vancouver Island Board of Fire Under-**
writers Retains Its Separate
Identity.At a well-attended meeting of the
council of the board of trade this morn-
ing the principal business transacted was
the adoption of the report of the special
committee appointed to inform the vari-
ous insurance companies interested in the
proposed amalgamation of the Vancouver
Island and Mainland board of underwrit-
ers of the sentiment of the association in
regard to the matter. The report, which
is appended, shows that the scheme,
owing to the strong opposition of some of
the insurance men and the decided action
taken by the board of trade, has practi-
cally fallen through, and is now opposed
by the majority of the twenty-four com-
panies most directly concerned.One of the first matters to be dealt
with was a communication complaining
that the car service to the outer wharf
was not satisfactory. Cars, the writer
contended, should meet the steamers
when it was possible. Visitors had often
landed at the wharf and in many cases
had to wait twenty minutes or longer.
The subject was discussed, and the gen-
eral opinion was that the letter was
correct in many respects. A small com-
mittee was, therefore, appointed to wait
on the manager of the B. C. Electric
Railway Company to ascertain whether
anything could be done to arrange a bet-
ter service.Another Victorian wrote stating that
in purchasing a railway ticket from a
point in Washington through to Victoria
he had been told it would be impossible
under such circumstances to travel by
the C. P. R. steamer from Seattle to this
city. This, he thought, was an unusual
condition of affairs.In the brief discussion which followed
the reading of this communication, it was
announced that the Great Northern rail-
way had made arrangements to give pas-
sengers from any point to Victoria the
choice of the C. P. R. or Alaska Steam-
ship Company steamer in the trip from
Seattle.A special committee, how-
ever, was appointed to investigate the
question and find out whether similar ar-
rangements could be made with other
lines.Hon. R. Prefontaine, minister of
marine and fisheries, being expected to
visit Victoria not later than the 15th
inst., a committee was appointed to re-
port upon what matters should be
brought to his notice and also to arrange
a fitting reception for him on his arrival.
The committee on fire insurance then
submitted the following report:August 1st, 1904.
The President and Council, Victoria, Brit-
ish Columbia, Board of Trade:
Gentlemen:—Your committee begs to re-
port that in accordance with your instruc-
tions the following telegram was sent to
the general agents of the 24 fire insurance
companies mentioned in the accompanying
schedule:"Council Victoria Board Trade strongly
opposed amalgamation of the Victoria Board
of Underwriters amalgamating with Mainland
board, and pledges itself support those
companies who are opposed to such amal-
gamation."The following cable was sent to the head
office in England of the fire insurance
companies mentioned in the accompanying
schedule:"Council Victoria Board Trade strongly
opposed amalgamation of the Victoria Board
of Underwriters amalgamating with Mainland
board, and pledges itself support those
companies who are opposed to such amal-
gamation."The Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance
Company, Liverpool, cabled: "Have already
written agent protesting against amalga-
mation."The London Assurance Corporation, Mont-
real, sent a "collect" message as follows:
"British Columbia is managed by W. J.
Landers, San Francisco."The following message was received from
the Home Insurance Company, New York:
"Cannot decide unless Board of Trade ob-
jections are fully stated."A combination telegram was received
from San Francisco reading as follows:
"Evidently your council has not been
properly advised as to the merits of the
amalgamation. It will be no way subordi-
nate Victoria; on the contrary, it will give
her a voice in matters over the whole pro-
vince. We support amalgamation because
we believe it for the best interests of all
concerned."Hartford, Commercial Union Insurance
Co. of North America, Phoenix of Hartford,
Connecticut, Aetna.To this telegram the following reply was
sent by direction of the council:"Replying to your telegram, this board
believes itself to be properly advised on
merits of amalgamation. It asks for no**BUY NASCO BECAUSE:**It will do the work of the numerous varieties of cleans-
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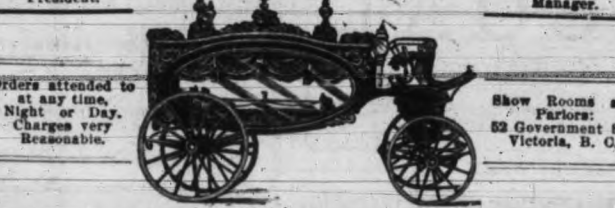
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it strongly insists that Vancouver Island
board shall remain as at present. Further,
companies' local agents almost without ex-
ception opposed to amalgamation."Letters have been received from the Vic-
toria agents next mentioned stating in
effect that they opposed the proposal to
amalgamate when it was brought before
the Board of Fire Underwriters, and that
they will continue to oppose it.Mr. P. R. Brown, agent British America
Assurance Co.Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie,
agents Northern Assurance Co.Messrs. Grant & Conyers, agents The
Canadian Fire Insurance Co. of Winnipeg.Mr. Richard Hall, agent Liverpool, Lon-
don & Globe Insurance Co.Mr. J. E. Kinsman, agent Aetna Insur-
ance Co.Messrs. Pemberton & Son, agents Sun In-
surance Co.Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy, agents Man-
chester Assurance Co.Your committee is informed that Mr. J. S.
Mason also opposed and voted against the
proposal to amalgamate.Mr. P. R. Brown states that his com-
pany, the British America Assurance Co.,
but that they have since wired him: "Re
amalgamation, act as you think best."The B. C. Land & Investment Agency,
agents for the Phoenix, of London, state
that they, as agents, are very much opposed
to the amalgamation, and that they have
made representations to that effect which
they hope will lead to abandonment of the
proposal.Messrs. Helmsman & Co., agents for the
Western Assurance Co. and the Norwich
Union Fire Insurance Co., state that they
have referred the Board of Trade's resolu-
tion to the home offices, adding that per-
sonally they are not in favor of the amal-
gamation. They have since written stating
that they have received a telegram from
the Western Assurance Co. "to use their
own discretion," and that they will do their
best to see that no change is made in the
stand of the Victoria Board of Fire Under-
writers.Mr. E. M. Johnson, agent for the Union
Assurance Society, states that he has for-
warded the resolution to the Canadian head
office of his company. He states that al-
though he voted for the resolution, owing
to instructions, yet he did so under pro-
test, and that personally he is strongly op-
posed to the attempt to force amalga-
mation. He has every hope that when his
company is aware of local conditions it will
not support amalgamation.Messrs. Stuart Robertson & Co., Ltd., agents
for the Atlas Assurance Co., write that
they have forwarded the resolution and
requested their company to give it favorable
consideration, and that their vote was only
given in compliance with explicit instruc-
tions.Mr. R. S. Day writes that he will gladly
communicate the wishes of the board to his
general manager, and will request him to
give them favorable consideration, and he
adds that any action taken by him was
under definite instructions.Messrs. R. P. Rihet & Co., Ltd., acknowl-
edge receipt of resolution, and states: "We
have no doubt the strong position taken by
your council in opposition to the movement
will receive the careful consideration of the
companies we represent."Mr. A. W. Jones, agent Canadian Insur-
ance Co., acknowledges receipt of the resolu-
tion of the council, and states that he has
forwarded it to the general manager of the
company for Canada.In a few cases replies have not yet been
received from the Victoria agents of fire
insurance companies, but your committee
has no doubt that this is due to an over-
sight.All correspondence received is attached to
the report.After a general discussion this was
adopted and the secretary instructed to
forward copies to all insurance compa-
nies engaged in business here.

The meeting then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS.**THE PROPER COURSE.**To the Editor:—In reference to the letter
appearing in last evening's Times regard-
ing the life-saving appliances on the City
of Nanaimo, it would seem to me to have
been a wiser and more commendable course
for Mr. Best, if he found such life-preserv-
ers as he describes, to have carried his
complaint to the owners or the officers of
the ship, and have ascertained whether the
preserver in question was typical of all or
was but an isolated exception. By so do-
ing, he would have accomplished the same
purpose and have prevented any unneces-
sary alarm.Being secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Mr.
Dunsmuir's kindness in loaning the steamer
is very much appreciated, and as a Chris-
tian, a gentleman and a true man, I con-
sider any complaint should be made straight
to headquarters. Half the trouble in the
world is occasioned by second-hand back-
door kickers.

W. B. FISHER.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.To the Editor:—As chairman of the joint
committee on the Songhees reserve, I feel
that I ought not to show a statement made
in the columns of this morning's paper to
be contradicted. That statement is that the
appointment of the above committee has
delayed the settlement of the reserve ques-
tion. I most emphatically deny this, and
challenge the Colonial to prove its allega-
tion. I repeat in the most formal and
positive way the following:As convenor of the committee I called up-
on Hon. Mr. Tutin, in whose hands the
matter of the reserve to rest as far as the
provincial government is concerned, and upon
Mr. Vowell, of the Indian department, who
represents the Dominion government here
in matters of this kind, and was told by
them both that no progress was being made
towards the settlement of the reserve ques-
tion. I told each of them that before con-
vening the committee I wished to know if
the co-operation would meet with their ap-
proval, and their replies were that it would
be welcome. I also told them that I would
not call the committee together unless it
could be of some service. Both the gentle-
men named told me that in the present
stage nothing could be done until the in-
dividual Indians were induced to consent
to their removal, and that this consent
could be obtained better by a committee
of citizens than by either government.I state further that when the committee
first met the government by invitation the
committee was informed that no progress
had been made since 1901, when the Do-
minion government informed the Provincial
government of the terms of settlement
which would be satisfactory to the Indian
department, which are the terms which the
committee is endeavoring to have carried
into effect.As to the right of the provincial govern-
ment to meet the request of the committee,
that is not in issue. It is too plain for
argument that the government has the
right. Legislation may ultimately be nec-
essary to confirm what the government may
do, but that stage has not yet been reached.
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